HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/

Form 4 January 29, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **ESTES SCOTT A** Issuer Symbol HEALTH CARE REIT INC /DE/ (Check all applicable) [HCN] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) ONE SEAGATE, SUITE 1500 01/28/2010 EVP and CFO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting **TOLEDO, OH 43604** Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) any Code (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Amount (D) Price Common \$0 01/28/2010 A 12,885 49,675 D (1) Stock

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount o Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share

A

23,776

23,770

(2)

01/15/2011(2) 01/28/2020 Common

Reporting Owners

\$ 43.29

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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01/28/2010

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ESTES SCOTT A ONE SEAGATE SUITE 1500 TOLEDO, OH 43604

Option

Buy)

(Right to

EVP and CFO

Signatures

By: Erin C. Ibele Attorney-in-Fact For: Scott A.

Estes

01/29/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The shares were granted without cash consideration as shares of restricted stock under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- Options for the purchase of 23,776 shares of common stock at \$43.29 per share were granted to Mr. Estes on January 28, 2010. Options (2) for the purchase of 4,756 shares will vest on January 15, 2011 and options for the purchase of 4,755 shares will vest on January 15 of each of 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- (3) The options were granted under the Amended and Restated Health Care REIT, Inc. 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan and had no acquisition price.

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